



Biography

437th Airlift Wing (AMC)

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COLONEL Michael O. Riddle



Colonel Michael O. Riddle is the Commander of the 437th Maintenance Group, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. He provides total maintenance support, including organizational and intermediate-level maintenance, for all assigned C-17 aircraft tasked with worldwide airlift support, DoD tactical airdrop missions, and aeromedical evacuation. He responds to JCS-directed special operations missions and supports U.S. State Department-sponsored humanitarian relief efforts.

Colonel Riddle was born August 31, 1958, in Wichita, Kansas and graduated from Lower Richland High School, Columbia South Carolina, in 1976. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduating from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of South Carolina in 1980. He earned a master of arts in computer resource management in 1996 from Webster University, Scott Air Force Base, Ill and has completed Air Command and Staff College and Air War College.

He has performed duties as a Deputy Logistics Group Commander and twice as a squadron commander. He has earned a Master Maintenance Badge and has flightline experience on C-130, C-141, C-5, UH-1N, KC-135R, C-12, C-21, C-140, C-20, and T-43 aircraft.

EDUCATION

- 1980 Bachelor of arts degree in language, writing, and drama, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.
- 1984 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1995 Air Command and Staff College by seminar, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- 1996 Master of arts degree in computer resource management, Webster University, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- 2000 Air War College by correspondence, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1980 - May 1981, student, aircraft maintenance officer course, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.
2. May 1981 - December 1983, officer in charge, C-141 flightline aerospace ground equipment branch, officer in charge, aerospace systems branch, and officer in charge, C-130 flightline branch, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
3. January 1984 - March 1984, student, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
4. March 1984 - December 1986, chief, management and procedures branch, 21st Air Force, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.
5. January 1987 - December 1989, director, 322nd Airlift Division Logistics Readiness Center, officer in charge, maintenance control 608th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, aide-de-campe, 322nd Airlift Division Commander, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
6. January 1990 - July 1993, maintenance supervisor, Component Repair Squadron, maintenance supervisor, Equipment Maintenance Squadron, maintenance supervisor, Aircraft Generation

- Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
7. July 1993 - July 1996, chief, C-141 Systems Maintenance Directorate of Logistics, chief executive office Director of Logistics, HQ Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
 8. July 1996 - August 2000, commander, 319th Maintenance Squadron, commander, 319th Aircraft Generation Squadron, deputy commander, 319th Logistics Group, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
 9. August 2000 – August 2003, chief, commodities division, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.
 10. August 2003 – Present, commander, 437th Maintenance Group, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal with one device
Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	Oct 18, 1980
First Lieutenant	Oct 18, 1982
Captain	Oct 18, 1984
Major	Dec 1, 1992
Lieutenant Colonel	Nov 1, 1997
Colonel	Mar 1, 2003

(Current as of October 2003)